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Sen. Heath named floor leader by Gov. Perdue

ATLANTA – State Senator Bill Heath (R-Bremen) has recently been appointed by Gov. Sonny Perdue to serve as one of his Senate administration floor leaders. This prestigious appointment means that Sen. Heath will carry Gov. Perdue's legislation as it works its way through the legislative process.

"I am extremely honored by this appointment," said Sen. Heath following the Governor's announcement this week. "I am pleased that my work in the legislature is being recognized by our Governor and my colleagues in the Senate. I feel that we are on the verge of entering prosperous times in our state, and I'm so grateful that Gov. Perdue has shown his faith in me with this appointment."

Typically, an administration floor leader's responsibilities include introducing bills in the legislature on behalf of the Governor, and carrying them on to passage by the General Assembly. At times, a floor leader will act as a liaison between the public, the Senate and the Governor's office. Floor leaders also may work directly with the Governor to draft new legislation, and work to perfect it in the Senate.

Senate President Pro Tempore Eric Johnson (R-Savannah) hailed the Governor's decision, calling Heath one of the Senate's new "up-and-comers."

“I am certain that Sen. Heath is going to serve Georgia well, as he is very knowledgeable in the areas of retirement and transportation,” said Sen. Johnson. “He brings a fresh perspective to the Senate, and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity.”

Sen. Heath is chairman of the Senate Retirement Committee, secretary of the Senate Science and Technology Committee and a member of the Senate Finance and Senate Transportation Committees. He was elected to the state Senate in 2004, after having served one term in the House of Representatives. Sen. Heath graduated from Southern Tech. He is self-employed as an engineer and farmer with Design Specialists and B&S Farms. Sen. Heath and his wife, Susan, have two children.

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